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***Tropical Island Practice***  
***by Barb Milke***

As a special addition to the Alumni News of this issue we are featuring a unique practice established by four Iowa State University graduates. All four veterinarians have clinics in Wisconsin—Dr. Joseph Donovan ISU '56, Madison; Dr. Jerry Hicks ISU '63, Edgerton; Dr. Dale Kelley ISU '51, Sauk City; and Dr. M. E. Rydberg ISU '62, Lake Geneva. Together they operate a mixed practice on the tropical island of Grand Cayman, a British Crown Colony located in the Caribbean directly south of Cuba.

The idea for a clinic began when Dr. Hicks, vacationing on the island with his family, was asked by the islanders for veterinary help. On subsequent visits he was often put to work and kept busy providing veterinary services for the small farmers and pet owners on the island. Dr. Donovan, led to the island by his interests in scuba diving and underwater photography, also had many requests for veterinary care. Later, Dr. Rydberg found the same situation occurred while he vacationed on the island. These three veterinarians and Dr. Kelley, who was also interested in the situation, got together to discuss a solution to the problem. The four traveled to Grand Cayman in January, 1972 and spent three days there. During that period they rented a clinic, obtained work permits from the government, found an island resident manager, set up a schedule, and began work.

At first, the working situation was quite crude—sprays were done in bathrooms and barns, the instruments were boiled and the surgery was non-sterile. Dr. Don-

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avan recalls how they had to improvise, "My first bone pinning was done using a piece of welding rod from a backwoods repair shop." By March, 1972 a sterile surgery had been set up complete with cap, mask and gown technique, modern equipment and a good drug inventory. Now they were able to do difficult surgery including bone plating.

Grand Cayman, known as the "Island Time Forgot," is a coral island 26 miles long and about 3 miles wide. The tropical climate makes it ideal for scuba diving, and since it was once the hideaway of Blackbeard the Pirate, many wrecks of ships can be found in the surrounding waters. The native people descend from a mixture of races, mostly English-speaking, and have one of the highest literacy rates in the world—even higher than the United States. Most of the farmers own only a small number of cows, hogs and burros. With a population of 11,000, the island has some fledgling agricultural industry. One large 100 cow dairy herd, Caribbean Farms, and the world's only sea farm, Mariculture Ltd., where ½ million green sea turtles are raised for human consumption, are located on the island. Over 2,000 British ex-patriots live on the island, and many own pets and want good veterinary care. The people were desperate for veterinary help. At first they got some assistance from a farm boy from Minnesota who runs a fishing boat and a retired man who formerly worked in a zoo. According to Dr. Donavan "It's almost like missionary work. They're intelligent, likeable people who were trying hard and had no veterinary assistance whatsoever."

When the practice began it was about

80% small animal and 20% farm animal work. Presently it has expanded to include:

- 40% Herd health programs at Caribbean Farms and Mariculture Ltd. including meat inspection.
- 10% Dairy food products testing
- 10% Miscellaneous large animal work
- 40% Small animal work.

The Cayman Veterinary Clinic is open half-days on the second week of every month. Each veterinarian spends two weeks on the island, three times during the year. One week is spent at the clinic every day until noon. The second week is spent vacationing and remaining on call for emergency work. Plans for the future include adding more veterinarians in order to expand to year-round veterinary service on a half-day basis.

Grand Cayman is a rapidly booming resort area. Because the island is Rabies-free, tourists are not allowed to bring their pets onto the island. Since the arrival of the veterinarians, the Cayman Island Humane Society was established and works closely with the clinic there. The island has its problem areas too. There is a high incidence of anaplasmosis in cattle, and 100% heartworm infestation in dogs which are rapidly being treated to help control the situation.

All four veterinarians and their families enjoy some of the world's best scuba diving off of the beautiful coral island and look at the island as kind of a peaceful retreat from the cares of the outside world. But most important, Dr. Donavan, Dr. Hicks, Dr. Kelley and Dr. Rydberg provide the much needed veterinary services to the people of Grand Cayman.

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## *Class of 1968*

As a change of pace, we would like to feature one of the more recent graduating classes from the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine: the class of 1968. We would like to thank the members of the class of 1968 who replied to our letter making this article possible. Any sugges-

tions or help with finding current addresses would be appreciated.

Dr. David O. Christenson has been employed by the Sioux Veterinary Clinic in Orange City, Iowa, since his graduation. At present, Dr. A. Neuman (ISU '48), Dr. Larry Royer (ILL. '62) and Dr. Larry Ver-

Steege (ISU '72) work in a mixed animal practice. Dr. Christenson is a member of the Church Couples Club Board of Directors and is a Deacon in the church, is a past officer in the local JayCees and has served as judge for the Boy Scout Pet Show. He is also a member of the Iowa Academy of Veterinary Practitioners, ISU Veterinary Medical Alumni Ass'n., AVMA, IVMA, and AASP. He and his wife, Barbara (ISU '66), have two sons: Stuart, 4; and Brent, 2. In July he will be moving to a group mixed practice in Hartley, Iowa.

Dr. Daniel M. Woodworth is presently in a three-man practice with his father, Dr. John B. Woodworth (ISU '29), and Dr. J. A. Marion (GA '67). He and his wife, Sue, now have four children: Johnny, 6; Kelley, 4; Becky, 3; and Mark born March 7th of this year. Dr. Woodworth is presently serving as president of his local Blue Ridge Veterinary Medical Ass'n., and is active in church work, the Kiwanis Club, and is serving on the Board of Directors of the local YMCA.

Dr. Darrell Eich has been associated with the Carroll Veterinary Clinic at Carroll, Iowa, since graduation. He is now a partner in the 4-man, mixed practice with Dr. Wm. D. Blohm (ISU '59), Dr. Don J. Casey (ISU '59), and Dr. Leon J. Wernimonth (ISU '65). Dr. Eich married Katie Sheets in June, 1971. His professional membership includes the Academy of Veterinary Practitioners, IVMA, AVMA, AA-BP, and AASP.

Dr. Roger Reppert moved to Sherburn, Minnesota and has been engaged in a large animal practice there since graduation. He and his wife, Marilyn, have two daughters: Gail, 3; and Terri Ann, 2. Dr. Reppert is a member of the MVMA, AVMA, Chain of Lakes Veterinary Ass'n., JayCees, Sherburn Civic and Commerce Ass'n., and various church organizations.

Dr. Edward W. Clausman has been employed at Lyndale Animal Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota, since graduation. He is associated in a four-man, small animal practice with Dr. James Crockett (MO '54), Dr. Curt McDougall (ISU '69), and Dr. Leon Schnack (ISU '69). His family includes his wife, Cheryle, and their

one-year-old son, Ryan. Dr. McDougall is a member of the Metropolitan Animal Hospital Ass'n., Minnesota VMA, AVMA and AAHA.

Dr. Duane K. Peuse is currently engaged in mixed practice, primarily large animal, in Holstein, Iowa. He formed a partnership with Dr. R. R. Rognes (ISU '45) in 1970. He and his wife, Laura, have one son, Timothy, 1. Dr. Peuse is vice-president of the Ida County Conservation Board, and is a member of the Holstein Fire and Ambulance Dept., Chamber of Commerce, Jay Cees, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. His professional membership includes the IVMA, AVMA, Siouland Veterinary Ass'n. and Coon Valley Veterinary Ass'n. for which he was a past president.

Dr. Darry D. Griebel went to Jacksonville, Florida, where he associated with Dr. E. G. Clampett (Auburn '56) for two and one half years. In January 1971, he moved to Lehigh Acres, Florida, where he opened his own small animal practice. His family includes his wife, Mary Lou, and two sons: Dean, 6; and Wesley, 3. Dr. Griebel was a past secretary-treasurer for the Jacksonville Veterinary Professional Ass'n. and is currently a member of the Caloosa VMA. His local activities include the Kiwanis Club for which he was past secretary, Library Board Vice-president, Webelos Scout Leader, Little League umpire, and the Lehigh Players Theatrical Group.

Dr. Kay H. Orlando spent the first three months after graduation at Fort Detrick, Maryland while her husband, Jerry (ISU '66) completed his military obligation. They moved to Portland, Oregon in August, 1968, where she was employed by a small animal hospital. In May, 1968, they purchased their present small animal clinic in Salem, Oregon, and in May, 1971, they were joined by an associate Dr. Larry Peetz (WSU '70). Dr. Orlando worked full time at the clinic in Salem until the arrival of their son, Marc, 3. Since then she has maintained part time participation at the clinic as well as taking care of whelpings, weak puppies, and other jobs at home.

**Dr. Ronald H. Kohlmeier** has been employed by the Department of Veterinary Physiology at ISU since graduation, where he currently is an Associate Professor. He and his wife, Vivian, have three children: Debbie, 8; Pam, 3; and Doug, 1 (future ISU waterboy). Dr. Kohlmeier was a commander of the 449th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service-Small Animal) since its organization in 1968. He was awarded the Outstanding Citizen-Soldier Award in 1971, and has recently been promoted to Major. He is a member of the ISU Nutrition Council, ISU VMA, IVMA, AVMA, American Society of Animal Science, AABP, ISU Radiobiological Committee, Chairman IVMA Disaster Planning Commission, and Chairman American Ass'n. of Physiologists and Pharmacologists. He is also a member of Alpha Zeta, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Eta Sigma, Phi Zeta, and Sigma Xi honoraries. His local activities include the Cyclone Club, Lions Club for which he served on the board of directors, and is currently president of the Men's Club and Elder of St. Paul's Church.

**Dr. K. R. Torrey** is currently living in Lake Elmo, Minnesota and is employed by the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. He is involved in teaching and is doing clinical work in the University's ambulatory clinic.

**Dr. Gary A. Eckhoff** is currently an instructor of pharmacology in the Dept. of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology at ISU. Following graduation he became an N.I.H. post-doctoral fellow in Pharmacology at the University of Minnesota from which he received the M.S. Degree in Pharmacology in 1971. Dr. Eckhoff is a member of the AVMA, American Society of Vet. Physiologists and Pharmacologists, American College of Clinical Pharmacology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Eckhoff is also a member of the Ames Town and Country Kiwanis Club. He and his wife, Janice, have two children: Wendy Sue, 5; and Mark Allen, 2.

**Dr. Kenneth C. Cook** is in a mixed practice in Sidney, Nebraska with his partner Dr. J. W. Edwards (CSU '49). He and his wife, Dianne, moved to the country about a year ago with their three children: Lisa,

6; Brian, 4; and Amy 1. Dr. Cook is a member of the AVMA and NVMA and also served as secretary-treasurer of the District 7 Ass'n. and is now serving as its president. Dr. Cook is active in 4-H, saddle clubs, Little League Baseball, and his church council.

**Dr. Ronald D. Hauser** is in a mixed practice in partnership with Dr. F. E. Beaver (KSU). Prior to this, Dr. Hauser worked for Dr. J. Jerimier (ISU) and Dr. H. Hamby (MSU) in Brooklyn, Iowa. He and his wife, Joyce, have three children: Kristine, 3; Ronald Eugene, 2; and Brent, 1. Dr. Hauser is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, and Eastern Iowa VMA.

Since graduation, **Dr. Marv Johnson** has been in small animal practice at the Roseland Animal Hospital in South Bend, Indiana. His associates are Dr. Elmer R. Graber (Michigan State '55) and Dr. Jim Denhart (ISU '68). Dr. Johnson and his wife, Verona, have three children: Stephanie, 6; Christian, 4; and Kelly, 2. He is a member of the AVMA, AAHA, Iowa VMA, Indiana VMA, Michigan VMA, and the Rotary International. Dr. Johnson was co-author of a professional article in the Journal of the AAHA in 1970 and was senior author of a professional article in the Journal in 1972.

**Dr. Eldon L. Clark** has a mixed practice in La Claire, Iowa and also spends most of his time caring for the beef cattle and hogs on his family corporation farms. He is a member of the AVMA, IVMA, and AASP. Locally Dr. Clark is involved as director of the S.M. Service Company, an affiliate of the Farm Service Company. He also is an Elder of Our Savior Presbyterian Church. Dr. Clark and his wife, Carol Ann, have two children: Gina Marie, 3; and Ryan Lee, 6 months.

**Dr. Thomas A. Erickson** spent 2 years after graduation in the US Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. He then practiced for 1½ years in a small animal practice in Minneapolis. In November 1971, Dr. Erickson entered into small animal practice for himself in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He belongs to the AVMA and the Minnesota VMA. Dr. Erickson and his wife Candy have a son and a daughter:



Parker, 9; and Xan, 5.

After graduation Dr. J. W. Walker moved to Lee's Summit, Missouri where he was associated with Dr. R. E. Hertzog (MU '56) and Dr. V. D. Goodnight (MU '54) in a three-man mixed practice of equine, cow-calf, and small animal. In 1970 Dr. Walker moved to Bethany, Missouri and became an associate of Dr. G. D. Windom (ISU '66) in a two-man mixed practice consisting mainly of beef cow-calf. In 1971 he moved to Prairie City, Iowa and purchased the one-man mixed practice of Dr. D. D. Gardner (ISU '63), consisting mainly of feedlot and swine. Dr. Walker and his wife, Barb, have two children: Mary Ellen, 4 and John, 3.

Dr. M. J. Tierney practiced for one year after graduation in a mixed practice in Lincoln, Nebraska and then for 2½ years in a small animal practice in Oaklawn, Illinois. Dr. Tierney is now associated with Dr. George Dennis (ISU '68) in a small animal practice in Omaha, Nebraska. He and his wife, Suzann, have two sons: Travis, 3; and Chadd, 1.

Dr. E. Thomas Thurber is now the Assistant Product Manager of the Health Industries, Marketing Division, of the Ralston Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri. He is a member of the AVMA, Missouri VMA, Greater St. Louis VMA, AASP, AABP, National Mastitis Council, and is a member of the Executive Board of the Industrial Veterinarians Association. Dr. Thurber's wife, Bev, is the President of the Auxiliary of the Greater St. Louis VMA. They have three children: Gail, 7; Eric 4; and Lee, 2.

Dr. K. D. Weston has been practicing in Brillion, Wisconsin in a predominately large animal, three-man practice in partnership with Dr. A. C. Buchner (MSU '61) and in association with Dr. P. R. Calonder (ISU '70) and Dr. S. F. Maske (U of Minn '72) in a new clinic built in 1971. Dr. Weston is a member of the AVMA, AABP, on the Board of Directors of the Northern Wisconsin VMA, Director of the Lakeland VMA, and a member of the U.S. Jaycees. Dr. Weston is currently conducting night school classes for farmers through the Fox Valley Technical Institute in Appleton, Wisconsin. He and his wife, Diane, have

two sons: Todd David, 5; and John Matthew, 3.

Dr. Robert J. Bullard is practicing in Boscobel, Wisconsin and is primarily concerned with large animal medicine and surgery, especially that concerning the bovine. He has been in partnership with Dr. M. E. Martin (Kan '52) since 1970. Dr. Bullard is a member of the AVMA, Wisconsin VMA, Grant Co. VMA, Southwestern Wisconsin VMA, and the AABP. He is president of the Boscobel Area Sportmans Club, enjoys hunting and fishing, and each year takes a hunting trip to the West. Dr. Bullard and his wife Anne have two children: Stephanie Sue, 4; and Todd David, 2.

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#### ***Class of 1957 Cont.***

Dr. Roger Larson was in partnership with his father, Dr. Lester W. Larson (ISU '31), in a mixed practice in Greenville, Iowa from 1957 to 1965. He took over the practice from 1965 to 1971 after his father joined the Iowa Meat Inspection Division. In 1971, he became associated with Dr. Dennis D. Darnell (ISU '68) and Dr. Merle K. Johnson (ISU '52) thus forming the Spencer Animal Clinic, P. C. a mixed practice in Spencer, Iowa. Dr. Larson served as mayor of Greenville from 1960 to 1971 and was a member of the Clay Central Consolidated School Board from 1966 to 1971. In 1972, he was elected for a two year term on the Legislative Committee of the Iowa VMA. His family consists of his wife Jane and two teen-age sons: Jeff, 16; and Jerry, 13. He and his sons enjoy golfing and hunting.

Dr. John R. Oltman has been in a predominately large animal mixed practice in Pleasantville, Iowa since graduation. He has now sold the practice and begun work in a small animal clinic in Los Angeles, California in January, 1973. Dr. Oltman was a member of the IVMA, Pleasantville Commercial Club, Des Moines Racquet Club, and Des Moines Tennis Ass'n. He is also a member of the American Legion and joined the California VMA in 1971. Recently, Dr. Oltman was married to Virginia Thomas of West Des Moines.